

For example, the Wide Field of View (WFOV) testbed initiative supports affordability and risk reduction efforts for the nation's critical overhead missile warning capability.

Cuts or delays to funding would risk the ability for the WFOV initiative to support current data exploitation efforts and could delay a commercial launch opportunity. A stop work order under a CR places the WFOV effort and other SMI efforts at significant risk despite full support from the Senate Appropriations Committee for the program.

Unfortunately, our inability to pass a budget has created uncertainty that endangers our national security space programs.

I urge the Department of Defense and the Air Force to leverage the funding levels authorized by law under a continuing resolution to sustain development of these critical national security space systems.

HONORING THE GESELL INSTITUTE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Gesell Institute of Child Development as they celebrate their 65th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this wonderful organization!

Dr. Arnold Gesell, a professor at Yale University at the turn of the 20th Century, was a pioneer in the study of early childhood development. Founder of what today is the nationally renowned Yale Child Study Center, he dedicated his life to studying the verbal, motor, social, emotional and cognitive growth of children. Perhaps best known for his use of the cinematographic technologies that were revolutionary for his time to document the developmental stages of 10,000 children, Dr. Gesell's legacy is the extensive archive he created throughout his life-long research that would later enable parents and teachers to better understand children's ages and stages of development.

Dr. Gesell was both a researcher and an educator, training physicians, nurses, and research scholars alike. In 1950 two of his former students and colleagues, Drs. Frances Ilg and Louise Bates Ames, along with Janet Learned, purchased two properties on Prospect Street in New Haven and opened a research institute and nursery school aimed at exploring child development through adolescence. Named in honor of their mentor and respected colleague, the Gesell Institute for Child Development was officially incorporated in March of 1950. In fact, Dr. Gesell served as a research consultant at the Institute until his death in 1961.

Over the course of its sixty-five year history, the Gesell Institute has made several invaluable contributions to the field of child development. The Nursery School served as both a training ground for early childhood educators and pediatricians, as well as a basis for some of the earliest research and investigation into school readiness. Perhaps the most enduring

of its contributions to the field is the development of Gesell Developmental Observation (GDO)—a comprehensive multidimensional assessment system that assists educators, and other professionals in understanding characteristics of child behavior in relation to typical growth patterns. One of Dr. Ilg's most important legacies was the formation of the National Lecture Staff, a nation-wide network of educators that, today, work together to provide a comprehensive program for staff professional development, in-service trainings, and workshops across the country on how to administer the newly updated Gesell Developmental Observation-Revised.

Sixty-five years later, the Gesell Institute continues to be one of the most respected institutions for child development in the nation. Serving as a resource for educators, parents and others as well as an advocate for our young people, it is an extraordinary organization whose work has touched countless lives and helped to shape how we look at childhood development. I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations to everyone at the Gesell Institute as they mark this very special occasion.

CONGRATULATING LAURETTE KITTLER ON HER INDUCTION INTO ST. BENEDICT PREPARATORY SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Laurette Kittler, retired Drama Teacher, St. Benedict Preparatory School, on her induction into their Alumni Hall of Fame.

From the 1950's to the mid 1990's, Mrs. Laurette Kittler not only taught several generations of St. Benedict High School students, but inspired them to be better people. In teaching drama, Mrs. Kittler was able to marry her love of theater with her love of teaching, and because of this she was able to bring a strong dedication to the classroom. Mrs. Kittler was always willing to put in the extra effort, staying after hours to help her students flourish. Mrs. Kittler played a big part in her students' lives, instilling them with a dynamism and confidence that would help them succeed in their future undertakings.

Respected by her peers and students alike her classrooms were always full of passion and admiration. The hallmark of a great teacher is the lasting influence they leave on their students, and Mrs. Kittler's legacy is one of distinction. Mrs. Kittler was described by her former students as, a "Guiding light", "a strong positive force", and "the best [teacher] I ever had".

The importance of great teachers cannot be over stated, and so for her decades of service Mrs. Kittler will be inducted in to the St. Benedict's Alumni Hall of Fame on October 24th. She will also have a scholarship set up in her honor that will be given out to a St. Benedict high school drama student.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mrs. Laurette Kittler for her invaluable and exemplary leadership to the many students she has taught. I ask that

my colleagues join me in congratulating Mrs. Kittler on an accomplished career and a well-deserved honor.

IN TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE SHIRLEY ABRAHAMSON

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justice Shirley Abrahamson, former Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. After nearly four decades of service on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Justice Abrahamson will be receiving the National Association of Women Judges' Joan Dempsey Klein Award next week. This prestigious award honors members of the association who have "assisted women judges to become more proficient in their profession, helped to solve the legal, social and ethical problems associated with the judiciary, and worked to increase the number of women serving as judges."

A trailblazer for Wisconsin women, Justice Abrahamson was first appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court by Governor Patrick Lucey in 1976. She served as the only woman on the Court until 1993, and in 1996 she became the first female Chief Justice in Wisconsin history. In her time on the Court, Justice Abrahamson has been a true powerhouse, serving longer than any other justice in Wisconsin history and authoring over 450 majority opinions. Those who know her best describe her not only as tough as nails, but also as a deeply kind and compassionate person.

In her long and distinguished career, Justice Abrahamson has received countless honors. She serves as an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was elected by her peers as both President of the Conference of Chief Justices and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center of State Courts, a testament to her judicial acumen. Justice Abrahamson is a past president of the National Conference of Chief Justices and past chair of the board of directors of the National Center for State Courts. She also has served as chair of the National Institute of Justice's National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. She is a member of the Council of the American Law Institute and the New York University School of Law Institute of Judicial Administration.

The daughter of immigrants, Justice Abrahamson was born Shirley Schlanger in New York City. She grew up across the street from her family's grocery store, dreaming from the age of five of becoming a lawyer. After receiving her bachelor's degree from New York University, she achieved this dream when she earned her J.D. with high distinction from Indiana University Law School in 1956, one of just two women in her class. She then moved to Madison, Wisconsin where she practiced law for 14 years and taught law at both the University of Wisconsin Madison and my alma mater, Marquette University. Over the course of her career, she has received 15 honorary Doctor of Law degrees as well as the Distinguished Alumni Award from UW-Madison. Justice Abrahamson has been married to her husband Seymour for over fifty years, and they have one son, Daniel.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Justice Shirley Abrahamson and congratulate her for being this year's recipient of the Joan Dempsey Klein Award. The citizens of the state of Wisconsin are privileged to have someone of her intellect and commitment to public service working on their behalf for so many years. Justice Abrahamson, I thank you for all that you have done.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for a vote on September 10, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted: On Roll Call No. 491, I would have voted AYE.

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TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL  
HAROLD H. DUNWOODY

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Brigadier General Harold H. Dunwoody, who passed away last month at the age of 96.

General Dunwoody was a longtime resident of Randolph, New York. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army for 31 years. During his distinguished career, he fought in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In recognition of his exemplary service to our country, General Dunwoody was awarded numerous medals and commendations, including the Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Distinguished Service Cross.

General Dunwoody hails from a family that has proudly served our country for generations. From the Revolutionary War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Dunwoody family has fought to preserve our freedom in virtually every armed conflict in our nation's history. This commitment to service was carried on by Mr. Dunwoody's children: his daughter Ann Dunwoody became the first woman to achieve the rank of four-star general in the United States military; his daughter Susan Schoeck became a helicopter pilot in the Army; his son Harold Dunwoody, Jr. graduated from West Point and achieved the rank of first lieutenant in the Army.

General Dunwoody dedicated his life to serving our country. He leaves behind a proud legacy of military service, which will have a positive impact for generations to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering the life of this great American.

HONORING ALBERTUS MAGNUS  
COLLEGE ON THE OCCASION OF  
ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to President Julia McNamara and the entire Albertus Magnus family as they mark the 90th Anniversary of Albertus Magnus College. What a remarkable milestone for this outstanding institution of learning!

In 1924, the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary of the Springs, who are now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace, purchased an estate in New Haven, Connecticut, in an effort to found a women's college. A charter was signed on July 13, 1925 and the first classes were held on September 24th of that year. Named for St. Albert the Great—Albertus Magnus—the 13th century bishop, theologian and scholar described by a contemporary as a man “so superior in every science that he can fittingly be called the wonder and miracle of our time,” it was the first Catholic, liberal arts, residential college for women in New Haven and remained such for its first 60 years.

Julia McNamara, the current President of Albertus, having served in that role since 1982, has guided the College through a myriad of transitions which have expanded the institution in countless ways. Albertus became coeducational in 1985 and today boasts an enrollment of 1,550 students. Albertus offers its students a wide-range of programs and services. They currently have 550 students enrolled in the traditional undergraduate program; 720 in accelerated undergraduate programs for working adults; and 280 in graduate degree programs, including the only Master of Arts in Art Therapy degree in the state of Connecticut. At this past spring's commencement ceremony Albertus Magnus College conferred 537 degrees.

Ahead of its time, in the 1970's Albertus Magnus recognized the need for continuing education for working adults. They created a program called “Begin Again” for women who had started college but never completed a degree. In 1985 “Begin Again” became the inspiration for a broader, accelerated evening program serving working adults; evening programs expanded again in 1994 with the addition of business-focused offerings. In 1992 Albertus offered its first graduate degree program: the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies; today there are 10 graduate programs, ranging from accounting to human services and criminal justice, from leadership to writing and education. The College has awarded 2,848 master's degrees. Albertus is also dedicated to assisting our community's veterans in their pursuit of higher education. A participant in the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Yellow Ribbon Program, Albertus works closely with veterans to help them succeed in accelerated programs. There are Veterans Centers on the New Haven and East Hartford campuses and the Albertus Student Veterans Association is an approved chapter of Student Veterans of America.

Among its 14,255 alumni, Albertus Magnus can claim the first woman named to the Federal bench in Connecticut; the first woman ap-

pointed to the trial court in Connecticut; an eight-term member of the United States House of Representatives, a Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and a United States Ambassador to Ireland; the first woman vice president at Merrill Lynch; and a pioneering pediatric cardiologist whose research has saved countless young lives. On a personal note, I have fond memories of the year I spent teaching International Politics at Albertus—it was a learning experience for me as well as the students!

Over the course of the last 90 years, Albertus Magnus College has helped thousands of students realize their dreams through higher education. By providing both traditional and non-traditional programs and services, Albertus has opened the doors of opportunity to their students and enabled them to pursue their career goals. I am honored to have this opportunity to stand to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Albertus Magnus College, President Julia McNamara, students, alumnae, faculty and staff as they mark this very special occasion. Happy 90th Anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success!

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IN HONOR OF LONE STAR COLLEGE  
MONTGOMERY'S 20 YEARS  
OF SERVICE

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand to recognize Lone Star College-Montgomery for 20 years of turning today's students into tomorrow's leaders. From opening day in 1995, this Montgomery County college has been changing lives and enriching our community on its beautiful 210 acre campus amid the tall Texas pines.

LSC-Montgomery has come a long way from 1991 when Conroe Independent School District voters approved joining the Lone Star College System. Enrollment for the inaugural fall 1995 semester was approximately 3,200 students. Today, the college is educating four times that number and growing.

The rich history of this college starts before it even opened the doors of opportunity to students throughout Montgomery County. It began with the vision of community leaders like George Mitchell, Dan Hauser, Jon Weisner, Mary Matteson and a host of others who stood as champions, working to gain community support and ultimately the passage of the bond referendum to build the college.

As the Chamber of the Commerce President I had the privilege of working with local leaders to establish the Community College in Montgomery County and as a State Legislator secured \$6 million to fund the startup of the campus.

The commitment of higher education leaders such as former North Harris Community College Chancellor John Pickelman and Montgomery College founding President Dr. Bill Law saw the college through its construction at its current location—a crossroads of east and west, of north and south.

Montgomery College presidents would continue to build upon the early legacy of the school. Dr. Tom Butler oversaw the addition of